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**INCIDENT:** Fatal Traffic Accident
**DATE**: 07/23/04      **TIME:** 3:09am
**LOCATION:** Powder Springs Road at Cemetery Street, (wall at 430 Powder Springs)
**DRIVER:** Sonia Herrera, H/F, 31yoa, of Marietta, Kennestone Hospital
**CHARGES:** Vehicular Homicide, Speeding, Failure to Maintain Lane, DUI, Reckless Driving, No License, Forgery (1st Degree)
**FRONT PASSENGER:** Asencion Posado, 31yoa, Marietta-husband of driver, deceased.
**REAR PASSENGER:** Erma Elizal, 39yoa, Marietta, Kennestone Hospital
**REAR PASSENGER:** Jose Tobar, 29yoa, Marietta, Kennestone Hospital
**VEHICLE**: White 2000 Pontiac Grand Am

The Marietta Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit is investigating a fatal traffic accident that occurred early Saturday Morning on Powder Springs Road.  A white 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Sonia Herrera was traveling northbound on Powder Springs Road at a high rate of speed.  Also in the vehicle was Asencion Posado (Herrera's husband), and two friends who live with the driver and her husband on Fraiser Street. A Marietta Police Officer observed the vehicle near Sandtown Road and attempted to catch up to and stop vehicle. There was no pursuit/chase.  The officer was not able to catch up to the suspect and try to pull it over before the vehicle lost control near Cemetery Street. The vehicle crossed the southbound lanes of Powder Springs Road, spun out of control, and struck a wall near 430 Powder Springs Road. The damage was primarily on the passenger side.  Officers were immediately on the scene and attempted to render aid.

Acencion Posado died from his injuries at Kennestone Hospital.  Sonia Herrera is still in Kennestone Hospital with several injuries.  The forgery charge is for a fake INS Permanent Resident Card with a false name.  The passengers are at Kennestone with non-life threatening injuries.  The case remains under investigation at this time.